

## RUSTLING, BUSTLING CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS, HAPPY IN THEIR TASKS

Judging from the happiness pictured on the faces of the crowds which thronged Washington's shopping district today, the coal famine is playing a losing game against the combined forces of Christmas and its patron saint, Kris Kringle. Everywhere good cheer and the desire to make others happy pervaded the atmosphere, made fragrant by the odor of the evergreens and spruce trees which dealers conspicuously displayed.

A single glimpse in any one of the big stores was enough to convince the most skeptical that all the money in the pockets of Washington householders has not been expended in an endeavor to keep warm without hard fuel. Clerks busy selling wares, purchasers busy paying for them, floorwalkers busy directing customers, and an innumerable army of small boys and girls wrapping parcels and delivering bundles made things lively enough in the stores for the most ardent lover of the city rush and hurly-burly.

If there is any one thing that always stands out prominently and pre-eminently in a Washington crowd it is refinement—in dress and in demeanor. Silks and satins, furbies and furs, with here and there a sprinkling of less expensive goods, none the less dainty or effective, topped with hats of brilliancy and matched by the chic high-heeled low shoes now prevailing, made the groups of women gathered here and there before some window a sight only equaled by those seen at the Horse Show.

### Equally as Happy.

Occasionally a woman on whom the rays of life had not shone as brightly as on her sisters wended her way through the crowd, gowned in a more modest manner, but none the less refined, her face beaming with kindly smiles, more than compensating for the lack of high-priced raiment.

Then, too, the children today—just as the children of one hundred years ago—evinced the same keen delight for the more modern toy that was shown for the common rag doll with painted face by their grandparents years and years back. They gathered in swarms about the shop windows displaying toys and loathed with wistful and hopeful faces, wondering what Kris Kringle had in store for them on Christmas morning.

According to men interested in the holiday trade the present season if anything surpasses that of last year in crowds of shoppers and in sales. "The aggregate amount this year may not foot up as large as last year," said a member of one of the largest firms, "because people this season are buying smaller articles and less expensive ones. While people are naturally anxious under the prevailing conditions to save as much as possible for the heating problem, yet that characteristic habit of Americans cannot be to be outdone by anything or anybody has led them to invent little ways of procuring Christmas presents on a less expensive scale."

### Run on Drums.

A tour of the stores reveals the peculiar fact that there is a "run" on drums. Inquiries at several leading marts of trade for the noise makers and nerve-rackers elicited the response that "we're nearly out" or else "we sold them all out yesterday." For the girls there seems to be a prevailing fashion this season for paper dolls, and these articles have been sold in enormous quantities.

The crowd in Washington in the shopping district is densest between 4 and 5 o'clock. This is probably caused by the closing of the various Government departments, which lets out thousands of clerks to make the rounds of the stores. There is a slight lull between 6 and 7 o'clock in the evening, and then the night crowds begin to arrive. The night crowds in Washington, however, are nothing in comparison to those of cities where mercantile manufacturing prevails, and it may be truly said that the great majority of the shopping in this city is done by daylight.

F Street, from Ninth to Fourteenth; the Avenue, from Thirteenth to Sixth, and Seventh Street, from the Avenue to the northwest section, constitute the part of the shopping district where the crowds appear thickest. Seventh Street, in particular, being the narrowest of all, appears the more congested.

### Electric Cars Crowded.

Within the past few days, and this afternoon, it was almost impossible to obtain a seat in the electric cars anywhere, while traversing the shopping district. These are busy days for the conductors, while the motormen are continually given frights by the heedless and willful small boy, the timid woman, who first darts part way across the track, and then back, and the venturesome broad-shouldered man who thinks he can buck a street car any day.

The clerks and employees in the big stores are showing the signs of weariness and fatigue that come from the perplexing answering of the question: "How much is this, please?" sometimes uttered without the kindly and polite "please." On them falls a large burden of the making of others happy, and no one appreciates the end of the "rush" more than they.

"One more day of this," said a demure little miss in one of the stores this morning, "and then we're done."

"What's the price of this iron wagon?" interrupted a stoutly built woman, with two children tagging onto her skirts. Before the saleswoman could reply there came the following query from a man: "Have you ping-pong sets?"

The young woman managed to answer both questions without taking breath, and then proceeded to get down and unwrap a large box of building blocks for the enraptured gaze of a small boy, who persisted in seeing them, and finally man-

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aged to cajole his mother, accompanying him, into buying them for him.

The Center Market was a living, moving picture, presented by the housekeepers of Washington, making their final purchases for the Christmas table. There was a rush to the market place in the early hours of the morning, and from 6 a. m. to 9 a. m. the aisles of the great Center Market building were so crowded that it was with difficulty shoppers were able to move from one part of the place to another. From 9 o'clock until nearly noon there was a noticeable falling off in the number of marketeers. Then the crowd began to increase again, so that by 2 p. m. it was simply impossible to move but one way, and that was straight forward.

Notwithstanding this, the shoppers appeared to be having a good time. It was a good-natured crowd. No one showed any impatience when unable to move forward at a rate of speed greater than about two feet to the minute, and all appeared sorry they could not help the old people who happened to be caught in the crowd and not able to go backward or forward. The busy scenes within the great building were duplicated on the outside on the pavements of the streets surrounding it. The dealers in Christmas greens were much in evidence and the display of their goods made the market building appear as if surrounded by hedges of pine, cedar, and cypress.

No one, however, who had the necessary cash or credit left the market without securing what he desired. There was plenty and variety of everything. The best products of the forest, field and barn yard were to be found in abundance at reasonable prices. Then there were excellent specimens of the finny tribe from the rivers, brooks, and the deep sea. Then came the produce of the agriculturist and the horticulturist, and the collection to select from was complete.

### Reasonable Prices Prevailed.

Taking into consideration the season and the general condition of the market, everything was offered for sale at reasonable prices. The best of turkeys were sold at from 18 to 20 cents per pound, the highest price being asked for the female bird. Fresh country eggs were on sale at 35 cents a dozen, while cold storage eggs were to be had for 25 cents a dozen.

There was a lively trade carried on at all the meat counters. Home dressed meats appear to be in greater demand than the Western product. The prices were pretty much the same as have prevailed for the last week or ten days. There was a large stock of wild game displayed. Of this the purchaser was given a choice of everything from a bear to a rabbit in quadrupeds, and from a wild goose and wild turkey to a snipe in the feathered tribe. Taking it all in all the people of Washington have nothing to complain of in the matter of the quantity, quality, and variety of the good things offered them to supply the Christmas dinner table.

Dealers in the market are expecting the biggest trade late this afternoon and tonight that they have had in many years.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED.

Robert E. Miller and Mabel L. Givin. W. Ashby Johnson and E. Alice Revercomb, both of Culpeper, Va. Charles E. Canter and Nancy Montgomery. Thomas G. Iglehart and Olga De Ulrichs. William H. Vernon, of New York city, and Mary Frances Conwell, of Winstown, Pa. William H. Harlow and Minnie G. Snoddy, both of Richmond, Va. Harry L. Quick and Florence A. Lee, both of Fairfax county, Va. August O. Starke and Lola C. Eiter. Edwin Guthrie, District of Columbia, and Annie C. Spalding, Georgetown, D. C. Walter F. Paulson and Mary Mercer. George D. Strechebeck and Annie D. Light, both of Lebanon, Pa. George Morgan and Annie W. Smith. Zebbie J. Groves, Remington, Va., and Nannie A. Hill, Stephensburg, Va. Richard E. Isaacs, Howard county, Md., and Alice C. Fawcett, Takoma, D. C. Henry M. Minton, Philadelphia, Pa., and Edith G. Wormley, District of Columbia. Adolph Siebert, Derby, Conn., and Eva Daggett, Stephensburg, Va. Wilkins W. Wallace, Vineia, Ind. Ter., and Nettie C. Collison, District of Columbia. Jasper Mudd and Matilda Butler. Homer J. Locklvey and Lydia H. Waldo. John Campbell and Alberta Givins. George A. Phillips, San Francisco, Cal., and Anna C. Hogg, District of Columbia. Thomas F. Coghlan, New York city, and Edith V. Higgins, District of Columbia.

### STRIKE CALLED OFF.

The troubles between the members of the local union of the Theatrical Employees' Alliance and the managers of several Washington theaters over the pay of stage hands for "putting out" a show on Saturday nights and Sunday mornings, and which resulted in a strike, have been adjusted and a contract agreeable to both parties entered into. The contract has been signed by the Central Labor Union on behalf of the Theatrical Alliance. A number of the union men have returned to work.

### TO EXTEND STREETS.

W. P. Richards, engineer in charge of streets, has forwarded to the District Commissioners a plat of a subdivision prepared by M. Wilson Offutt and others of land adjacent to South Street, in the Reno subdivision, for the extension of Forty-first and Chesapeake Streets. He recommends that the plat be recorded in the office of the Surveyor.

### Holiday Rates South via Seaboard Air Line.

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## PLANS FOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON DISPLAY

Twelve Sets of Drawings Submitted by Architects Exhibited at the Cosmos Club.

The drawings and sketches submitted by architects in the preliminary competition to secure plans for the proposed municipal building are on exhibition in the assembly room of the Cosmos Club. There are twelve sets of drawings, and the display is in charge of the American Institute of Architects. The exhibit will be open from 9:30 to 5:30 today. The competing architects were Wood & Dunn, Washington; William M. Pondexter, Washington; Cope & Sewardson, Philadelphia; Robert Stead, Washington; A. W. Longfellow, Boston; Hornblower & Marshall, Washington; James G. Hill, Washington; Mr. Ross, New York; Edward P. Casey, New York; Glenn Brown, Washington; Marsh & Peter, Washington, and Heinz & LaFarge, New York.

## ECONOMIC ENTOMOLOGISTS

### TO GATHER IN THIS CITY

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Association of Economic Entomologists will be held in this city, Friday and Saturday, December 26 and 27. The sessions will be held in the Natural History room of the Columbian University.

The meeting promises to be one of the most important ever held by the association and many papers of interest have been written for it. A number of prominent entomologists from the leading educational institutions of the country will be present.

A preliminary program, suggestive of the many good things to be presented at the meeting, has been sent out by the officers of the association.

## WASHINGTON WANTS THE RAILWAY CONDUCTORS

Washington will make an effort to secure the official headquarters of the Order of Railway Conductors, now in Chicago. The claims of the Capital City will be pressed by Capital Division No. 378, which holds semi-monthly meetings in Society Temple, Fifth and G Streets, the second and fourth Saturdays of each month.

Pittsburg is the meeting place of the national convention in May. Already the local division is at work, and at the convention a concerted move will be made to secure the coveted prize. The strongest argument made in favor of the change is the advantage of having the general officers located at the seat of government to look after needed legislation.

## AN ALLEGED HORSE THIEF.

Policeman Gere, of Fredericksburg, Va., came to Washington today to secure his horse, which was stolen Saturday night. He also had the pleasure of carrying the alleged thief back to Fredericksburg.

The policeman's horse was sold at a Louisiana Avenue livery stable to George Gibson, of Wheaton, Md., by Frank Ford, colored, for \$23. Policeman Owens, having secured information of the suspicious character of the deal, found Ford in a barn. He had spent only \$1.75 of the money. The police say he confessed the theft last night to Lieutenant Amis, of the First precinct.

## GRANTED A DIVORCE.

Mrs. Genevieve H. Becker has been granted a divorce from George J. Becker, on statutory grounds. The decree, which is signed by Justice Hagner, awards Mrs. Becker the custody and guardianship of her children.

## Nobody is Exempt.

A New Preparation Which Everyone Will Need Sooner or Later.

Almost everybody's digestion is disordered more or less, and the commonest thing they do for it is to take some one of the many so-called blood purifiers, which in many cases are merely strong cathartics. Such things are not needed. If the organs are in a clogged condition, they need only a little help and they will right themselves. Cathartics irritate the sensitive linings of the stomach and bowels and often do more harm than good.

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## COLLEGIANS PRESENT SCENES FROM "HAMLET"

Azarias Literary Society Entertains Friends at St. John's College.

The Azarias Literary Society of St. John's College, Vermont Avenue northwest, gave its Christmas entertainment last night in the college hall. Scenes from "Hamlet" and "As You Like It" were included in the program and were interspersed with musical numbers.

Among those who contributed to the entertainment were Prof. Harry C. Miller, Denis E. Connell, St. John's College Glee Club, James A. O'Toole, Herbert J. Zitzelberg, Paul A. Hines, Emmanuel A. Chaffiot, James Coulehan, Joseph T. Fitzgerald, J. Lewis Freeman, Augustus F. Drekw, W. Gerald Doonan, John A. Schmitt, Daniel A. Ryan, Joseph C. Elbert, Adolph Y. Schafchiri, William R. Darr, Francis C. Milovich, and James E. Nolan.

## WATCHMEN FOR SCHOOL.

The District Commissioners have authorized the appointment of E. M. Redmond and W. E. Gingell as watchmen at the Industrial Home School. George S. Wilson, secretary to the Board of Charities, recommended the appointments. He said the services of a watchman for the night are necessary, as when there was only one man to attend to the fires the effect was the freezing of plants in the greenhouses. He said the loss of the plants would be more than the wages of the watchman. Mr. Wilson also said the services of one of the watchmen could be dispensed with in the spring.

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